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SUBJECT: FRANCE STILL INTENDS TO CO-SPONSOR RAPE RESOLUTION
IN ITS CURRENT FORM: COULD ABSTAIN IF AMENDMENTS WATER
DOWN INTENT

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1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on November 13 to MFA desk officer for International Organizations Fanny Benedetti. Benedetti said that discussions within the French government concerning the resolution were ongoing in Paris and New York. As a co-sponsor of the current draft, France intends to vote in favor of the resolution. However, Benedetti noted that France could well abstain if amendments watered down the objectives. She acknowledged the text had evolved considerably from the original, suggesting that France was beginning to suffer from amendment fatigue.

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